



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

January 2019

Captain's message

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good Christmas and that Santa was kind. We have a host of social events in the melting pot this year, the first to have been organised is of course *The Beetle Drive*, which last year was a great success and some of us became very excited during the evening, definitely recommended.

Maintenance day is on a Monday morning, mostly just tidying up during the winter months, so if you feel you can help please come along and join in. I think Brian is getting fed up of hearing my voice, and the rubbish jokes!

All the very best.

Ladies Captain's message

As Ladies Captain I can only say that our Lady bowlers can look forward to another enjoyable season with 8 matches arranged. Last year we played 6 the extra 2 are Worcester Ladies and Droitwich ...hurrah more cake!

Lorna Rodway
Ladies Captain

President's report

I hope that you have all had a most enjoyable and relaxing festive break. Here's wishing you all a very Happy (and successful) New Year as we look forward to the start of the new bowling season.

Just as a reminder - we can also look forward to a Beetle Drive evening at the end of January (31st), a quiz evening (proposed) in March, and the Club Lunch 'get together' on 14th April to signify the start of bowling.

Much preparation, however, is needed on the Green and its surroundings by April time, and Brian Palmer will be looking for willing volunteers for this (including myself). The aim is to ensure that everything is up and running, and spick and span, by 16th April when the official bowling activities start (weather permitting). I am hoping by then to have handed over the Presidency responsibilities to John Phillips.

In the meantime, I'm putting together a leaflet on 'Bowling Semaphore' hand signaling. The newsletter includes some initial thoughts on this – feedback is most welcome, together with ideas on its presentation. Perhaps the Club's 'Banksy' artist can show a hand in this also!? In addition, I will be pulling together some guidance on team-play tactics – following discussions over the next few months with senior players and coaches at other clubs.

With best wishes to you all.

Wayne Braddock
President

SHORTMAT COMPETITIONS:

As we turn to a new year of fun and frolic we start the short mat competitions. This year we intend to be a little more serious as we are incorporating a formal short mat winner's presentation at the Annual Bowling Club Dinner. Please look at the noticeboard where you will find the competition sheets.

Please add your name to the appropriate sheet to enter. There are 4 sheets one for each type of competition. There will be singles, doubles, triples and fours competitions.

As last year there will be no entry fee, but you must pay the normal short mat amount each time you play apart from the finals.

All competitions will be based on the winner being the one with the most points. The number of ends/games should hopefully take a similar amount of time. Singles to play 15 ends with 4 woods, doubles and triples to play 10 ends (3 woods for doubles and 2 woods for triples). Fours to play with 2 woods for 8 ends. In the case of a draw an extra end will be played until there is a winner. Normal short mat rules apply.

It is intended that the competitions do not interfere with normal play and that games will normally be played as and when contestants are available to play without interfering with existing daily arrangements, or with the Bridge Club on Tuesday and Friday nights.

Singles could involve a lot of walking, so people may want to organise a volunteer assistant to stand at the other end to act as umpire.

Note that for heating purposes you will need to notify David Mowlem as to when you have agreed to play if it is outside normal heating times.

There has been a request from people that normally play together to be able to choose someone from their group to play with. If you would like to do this then enter the names on the sheet with a team name.

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Heating

David Mowlem has taken over the management/monitoring of the heating system. All requests for heating or problems should be directed to him on 01684 563638 email davidmowlem@yahoo.com

Club Shirts and jackets

Orders for club shirts, rain jackets, fleecy jackets and caps must be with me by Monday 28th January at the latest. The lead time is several weeks and orders will need to be in by the end of January to be here for the start of the new season. Shirts are £22, rain jackets £33, Fleecy Jackets £49 and caps £11 each. All cheques to be made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club.

Please e mail Jackie Oakey at secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk with your requests asap, she will then follow up for payment. Some have verbally said what they want but she now needs a written request. Items will not be ordered unless payment is received first.

Jackie Oakey

Club Secretary

For sale

Thomas Taylor, size 2 Black, used for 4-5 outdoor seasons – new £180, available to first offer for £50.

Henselite, size 1, medium, £30.

Phone R.Maingot 01684567750 to get yourself a bargain set of woods.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 31st January Beetle Drive ---- 7.30pm £8 Including Supper (Please Order when buying your ticket from the following)

Food Choices:

Pasty & Peas

Pie - Beef or Chicken or Cheese & Onion

& Peas

Baked Potato with Tuna or Cheese filling

& Salad

BYOB, Tea & Coffee available. Raffle. Tickets available from Lorna (01684 563352 and Di (01684 567750, **TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST.**

23rd February - Social Skittles match at the Motor Cycle Club, Howsell Road, Malvern £5 per person to include a finger buffet supper. Tickets available from Lorna Rodway. The club has a bar!

March - Quiz night - date to be announced

MONTH OF March - contractors to carry out major works to green in preparation for start of season.

Tuesday 2nd April throughout week - Annual grounds and building maintenance work to prepare for start of season - this will involve work inside and outside the clubhouse.

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April 10 am- instruction for volunteers to use mower

Monday 8th April - ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN DAY

Sunday 14th April - Start of season Spring salmon lunch 12 for 12.30 pm £13.00 per head. Tickets limited. Tickets available end of January. Put the date in your diary. **Note change of date.**

Tuesday 16th April - first roll up

19th May OPEN DAY

Tuesday 4th June - Bowling experience evening for Malvern 41 Club

Sunday 9th June - Club Garden Party

Sunday July 7th at 2.30 pm - Challenge match between Ladies and Gents teams MPBC

Friday 19th July - Florida Tourists v MPBC A team of bowlers from the US has asked for an afternoon match followed by refreshments.

Sunday 11th August - President's day

Membership Renewals

Membership for all of us renews on the 1st April and new renewal forms will be distributed by email in early February. At our AGM, Lawn Bowls Membership for 2019 was set at £60. This should be paid, please, prior to the 31st March. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or Bank Transfer. Every Member will need to fill in the revised Membership Application Form so that the Club can comply with the General Data Protection Regulations introduced into Law in 2018. You will shortly receive the Club's Privacy Statement which defines the data that we can store about you. The new form will include a section where you give your consent to the Club holding and using your data in line with the Privacy Statement. In practical terms nothing will change other than that there will be an even stronger focus on data security within the Club. The Club also needs your consent to allow other members to access your phone number. You may withhold consent but that will probably prevent you from playing in both internal and external competitions. Once again there will be no major change to the way in which we operate.

We have been successful in recent years in growing the membership of the Club to a level that allows us to maintain our Green and Clubhouse to a high standard. Each year we have a few members who do not renew and 2019 will be no exception. Once again we have to focus on attracting newcomers to at least stabilise our numbers. The past two year's Free Membership for new recruits was successful but the Committee feels that for the upcoming year we can offer a Half Price deal and still be attractive. New Members, those who have not played at Malvern Priory Bowling Club before, will pay £30 for their first full year. Members joining from May onwards will pay pro rata of that amount with a minimum Fee of £10. One taster session will be free but new members will then pay the usual roll-up and match fees.

As you renew your membership please think about friends or colleagues who might like to come along and try the wonderful game of Bowls. If just one in four of us could recruit a new member, we would secure our numbers for another year.

Graham Dimmock
Membership Secretary

Social activities

What a great success the Christmas party was. A very big thank you to the organisers and providers of food. We all enjoyed the fun and games and in particular the solo performance by Glenys. This was a great fundraiser.

The next event is a Beetle Drive on Thursday 31st January at 7.30 pm. Tickets are going fast. Don't get left out, contact either Di Maingot on 01684 567750 or Lorna Rodway on 01684 563352. Please list on the board your choice of food or tell Di or Lorna.

This was a fun evening last year and is being put on again by popular request.

On 23rd February we are to have a social/fun evening away from the Club House. This will be a social/bonding evening playing skittles at the Motor Cycle Club, Howsell Road, Malvern, 7.30 pm start £5 per person to include a finger buffet. Tickets available from Lorna Rodway.

BACS payments

You will be able to pay membership fees on line using BACS. Details for this will be on the renewal form.

Housekeeping

The Annual Spring Clean will take place on Monday 8th April. when we hope to get the Club house looking good for the forthcoming season..

There is still a shortage of volunteers to help clean the clubhouse. Currently it is the same few who turn up to do this. There are many players using the clubhouse during the winter and it would be good if some came forward to help.

When using milk from the fridge can you please ensure that bottles are used from inside the door first . There have been occasions when a new bottle has been opened unnecessarily and then replaced on its side in the fridge - the result has been a flood of milk in the fridge and much cleaning up.

Suggestion Box

We love receiving your suggestions. If you have any please put them into the Suggestion box. These can be done quite anonymously.

Fixtures

Friendly Match Fixtures for 2019 are listed below. Dates for other tournaments will be published in due course.

The Green/Maintenance

'Happy New Year everyone' The new equipment store door has now been fitted, I am sure you will agree its a great improvement. The key to the new lock is hanging in the usual place.

The schedule for the next season is for a big maintenance and clear out week starting on Tuesday 2nd April. Volunteers will be required to back up the cutting of the green in the event of our new grass mowing contractor not being available. Tuition to operate the mower will be held on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April at 10 am.

Volunteers will be needed to clear the whole area which will include clearing vegetation, cutting the edges of the green, repairing and cleaning the ditches, weeding, scraping debris of all the glass windows and reputtying and painting where necessary. The shed will also need to be inspected for winter damage and repaired where necessary, it also needs to be reorganised and cleaned. All drains and gutters need to be cleaned out. New guttering needs to be fitted at the south east end of the clubhouse.

The biggest job is the relaying out of the green and I shall be looking for volunteers who can spend a day or two doing this.

Maintenance continues on Mondays and it is disappointing to see so few volunteers each week when we have such an enthusiastic bunch of players.

Like Housekeeping it is the same faithful few who do all the work each week. Come on guys all members both inside and out players come and give me a hand. Much of the maintenance is done for the enjoyment of those using the clubhouse during the winter months. All tools you will need are in the store room with the new door.

Access to the shed is restricted to comply with Health and Safety.

Progress on the new front door is proceeding slowly!

Brian Palmer

Club Fixture 2019

Club Fixtures 2019			All Matches played are Triples				
	Date		Venue	Club	Dress	Rink	Time
APRIL							
	Sunday	28/04/2019	A	BREDON	Whites	4/5x	2.30 pm
MAY	Saturday	04/05/2019	A	St Dunstan's	Whites	5x	2.30 pm
	Sunday	12/05/2019	H	COUNTY	Whites	4x	2.30 pm
	Tuesday	14/05/2019	H	Manor Park	Whites	3 L	2.30 pm
	Sunday	26/05/2019	H	Crystal	Whites	4 x	2.30 pm
	Tuesday	28/05/2019	H	Victoria Park	Greys	4/5x	2.30 pm
JUNE	Sunday	02/06/2019	A	Droitwich Spa	Whites	4/5x	2.30 pm
	Thursday	06/06/2019	H	Manor Park	Greys	4/5x	6.15 pm
	Saturday	15/06/2019	A	Bulmers	Greys	4x	2.30 pm
	Tuesday	18/06/2019	A	Victoria Park	Greys	2L	2.00 pm
	Thursday	20/06/2019	A	Community	Greys	5x	2.30 pm
	Saturday	22/06/2019	H	LEDBURY	WHITES	5x	2.30 pm
	Sunday	23/06/2019	A	COUNTY	Whites	4 X	2.30 pm
	Sunday	30/06/2019	H	Bulmers	Greys	4 X	2.30 pm
JULY	Thursday	04/07/2019					
	Sunday	07/07/2019	H	Ladies v Gents	Greys	5x	2.30 pm
	Tuesday	09/07/2019	A	Manor Park	Whites	3L	2.30 pm
	Sunday	14/07/2019	A	LEDBURY	Whites	4/5x	2.30 pm
	Thursday	18/07/2019	H	Grosvenor	Greys	4/5x	6.30 pm
	Friday	19/07/2019	H	Florida Tourists	Whites	5x	2.30 pm
	Saturday	20/07/2019	H	Clifton on Teme	Whites	4/5x	2.30 pm
	Tuesday	23/07/2019	A	Victoria Park	Greys	4/5x	2.30 pm
August	Thursday	01/08/2019	H	BREDON	Greys	3/4L	2.00 pm
	Tuesday	06/08/2019	H	Victoria Park	Greys	2/3L	2.00 pm
	Saturday	10/08/2019	A	Barbourne	Whites	5x	2.30 pm
	Thursday	15/08/2019	A	Manor Park	Greys	4/5x	6.15 pm
	Sunday	18/08/2019	A	Eastnor	Whites	5x	2.30 pm
	Sunday	25/08/2019	H	Community	Whites	4/5x	2.30 pm
	Thursday	29/08/2019	A	Worcs Ladies	Greys	3L	2.30 pm
	Saturday	31/08/2019	Club	Competitions	Final		
SEPT	Sunday	01/09/2019	Club	Competitions	Final		
	Wednesday	04/09/2019	A	BREDON	Greys	3L	2.30 pm
	Tuesday	10/09/2019	A	Droitwich Spa	Greys	3L	2.30 pm
	Saturday	14/09/2019	INTER	CLUB FINALS	Whites		2.00 PM
	Sunday	15/09/2019	INTER	CLUB FINALS	Whites		2.00 PM
	Saturday	21/09/2019	A	Crystal	Whites	4 x	2.30 pm



This is an aerial picture of the club taken when we had snow back in early 2018. Many thanks to Glenys who kindly sent me this.

Sale of short mat

It was decided to dispose of our surplus mat which sold to a YMCA club near Bolton. After commission to Ebay and PayPal we ended up with £96.

Waitrose Community Matters

On Wednesday 23rd January I am off to collect a cheque for £145 from Waitrose for money collected on our behalf on their above scheme during October 2018

Lawn Bowls Semaphore Signaling (Proposal)

LET YOUR HANDS LARGELY DO THE TALKING – on the bowling Green!

“Don’t Shout – Don’t Yell”

- Signs or signals are used to communicate silently between players at different ends of the rink.
- Skips should review the signals that are used during the game with their players prior to the game.
- Opposing players are permitted to ask for clarification of signals if they are unclear.
 1. Voices cannot generally be heard over background sounds.
 2. Shouting disturbs players on the rinks.
 3. Your team will feel more in sync if you can read each other’s signals.
 4. Signals help communication and the flow of the game.
 5. Signalling minimises drawing attention of your opponents to certain situations.

RULE 1: ONLY communicate with your team when you have possession of the mat.

RULE 2: Give information (especially Vice) ONLY when asked for.

- **MAT ALIGNMENT**

- When a mat needs to be shifted in a given direction, skip stands with hands set apart by ~ 30cm at shoulder height, and then they are moved in unison in the desired direction.

- **SETTING THE JACK**

- **WE HAVE THE JACK!**

- Left arm by your side and right hand placed on left shoulder

- **THEY HAVE THE JACK!**

- Left Arm by your side and right arm moved down from 45 degrees to side.

- **DELIVERING JACK**

- Skip stands at the desired location for the Jack when the lead delivers it.

- **ALIGNING THE JACK**

- Lead uses both hands at shoulder level to show distance Jack has to be moved (Left or Right) to the center axis of the rink. Bring hands together below chin when Jack is in correct position.

- **DESCRIBING BUILD-UP OF HEAD**

- **CALL FOR A DRAW DELIVERY**

- Bowl on the Forehand

- Extend your left arm to the side (if bowler is right handed).

- Bowl on the Backhand

- Extend your right arm to the side (if bowler is right handed).

- Bowl either way

- Extend arms to both sides.

- **WHERE IS JACK?**

- Bend down, and hold your palm forward whilst pointing to the jack.

- **JACK HIGH**

- When last bowl comes to rest the same distance as the Jack, skip/vice waggles arm from side to side in a pendulum motion.

- **BOWL IS RUNNING TOO FAST**

- Rotate your hands together.

- **LESS WEIGHT REQUIRED**

- Skip/Vice makes a pushing down motion with their hands from the waist.

- **MORE WEIGHT REQUIRED**

- Skip/Vice raises hands above their heads as if to show arm muscles, indicating to player that a greater delivery weight is needed.

- **IDENTIFYING A BOWL**

- Our Bowl

- Point closely to the bowl and tap your shoulder or chest.

- Their Bowl

- Point closely to the bowl and wave your arm away.

- Shot Bowl

- To indicate the bowl that is closest to the Jack (current shot), skip/vice point to the bowl.

- **GIVE WARNING – WATCH THE HEAD'**

- Before delivering a "runner/drive," simulate a fast delivery with your bowling arm.

- **HAVE YOUR BOWL STOP HERE**

- Put your foot where you want the bowl to finish and point to it.

- **BOWLS ARE TOUCHING**

- Touch knuckles together.

- **SHOT FOR US**

- Point at bowl and Tap your shoulder or head.

- **SHOT AGAINST US**

- Point at bowl and Tap your leg.

- **BOWL IN FRONT OR BEHIND THE JACK**

- Short Distance - spread your hands one above the other showing distance from Jack.

(NOTE: Always give the DEPTH distance, not WIDTH.)

- Long Distance – position hand above ground to indicate distance.

- **THE SHOT IS A MEASURE**

- Wave hands apart, together, and then apart as if measuring.

- **ARE WE 'AHEAD' OR 'DOWN'?**

- Left arm by your side, Right arm points 'Upwards' if ahead, or 'Downwards' if behind.

- **TEAM SCORE (VICE CONFIRMS)**

- AHEAD – Right hand taps left shoulder the score number achieved for the end.

- BEHIND – Right hand taps right leg the score lost for the end.

- **CHALK MY TOUCHER**

- Cross your hands at your wrist and hold them in front of you.

- **WELL DONE**

- Skip/Vice - raises 'Thumbs up' or by 'Clapping'.

- **OUT OF BOUNDS**

- Skip/Vice scan down Rink boundaries beyond the rink boundary marker to establish whether a delivered 'Bowl' or 'Jack' is declared in or out of play. Arm pointing inward to rink declare 'IN', pointing outwards declares 'OUT'.

- **DEAD END**

- If Jack is knocked out beyond the side boundaries of the rink, the end is determined to be dead and has to be replayed. Those managing the head hold their hands in front of them with palms down and make a scissor-motion by waving the arms back and forth signifying that the end has been wiped out. (The above Signals are provisional – others are possible, particularly when bowler asks details about the head. Comment and input welcomed!)

Can you contribute to the Newsletter?

I am always looking for something new to add to this newsletter, would you like to write an article or offer some interesting titbit. I would love to receive it to put it in the newlsetter.
Jackie

